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James Cecil Mott

We are in receipt of an unsigned article concerning James C. Mott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Mott now of Marceline.

From the article we glean; he was born in Musselfork township Nov. 22, 1892 and lived with his parents until Oct. 5 when he joined the army and went to Camp Funston, trained there for a time, was transferred to Camp Kearney, California then to Camp Merritt, N. J. from which point he sailed for the front on June 27, 1918.

From that date, the communication states, he was not heard from until the night of Nov. 2 when a message to his parents notified them that he had been killed in action Oct. 6 in France by a machine gun bullet.

It is said that James was quiet, unassuming young man liked by all who knew him at the training camps never shirked a duty. That his community and friends will regret deeply to learn of his death they will honor his name for giving his life in the service of his country.

Somewhere in France, the parents do not now know where along with thousands of other lies one of our young men who meant so much in life to his people and by the bereaved only can the sacrifice be fully realized yet each and every one who contributed to the equipment, maintenance and comfort of our boy over there and had such interest in their welfare generally and their return victorious, will feel a pang of disappointment at the loss of each.

Eli Ward Dead

Mr. Eli Ward, one of the oldest men in the county and a pioneer of the Mendon section died at his home in Salisbury Wednesday morning. Burial will be at Mendon today, Friday, it is understood.

By all means drag your roads this week.

Charlie Meyers has rounded up the corner on the highway to Brunswick and the grade at that point has been improved considerably. Wm. Kuhler and others have the road in then sections in good shape and but for the shade of embankments, the highway over the hills would be fine. Where the south half of the road is shaded it is a little sticky yet, but the dragging has worked wonders on this route. The road to Salisbury could be considerably improved by dragging before the track becomes too hard and pitted.

Charlie Parks has been doing something in the way of disposing of some good farms lately. This week he sold the Brashaw farm of 120 adjoining town of the north east to Geo. Dean for \$18000. One of the best bargains in farms we have heard of lately. Charlie also sold this week the Holzgraffe 158 acres near Snap to Albert Brinker. Geo. Dean bought the farm a short time ago but turned it loose for a good profit, Brinker paying \$81 an acre for it.

Anticipation of the approaching holidays is contending with flu for supremacy among those engaged in public office as well as school children. Occasion for soldiering is not limited to war matters by a whole lot more than a considerable and excuse for neglecting duties multiply. If the job for nine months pay we squeezed into three months actual work it occurs to us that much more would be accomplished at considerable saving of wasted energies as well as cash.

Our Local Board.

Adjutant General Crowder took occasion a few days ago to pass encomiums on all those who had part in the mustering of our army and, characteristic of the big man and efficient head of the army formation, gave practically all credit for the complete success of the undertaking to those subordinates ranging from his first assistant to county local boards.

That our local board had an arduous and enervating task all who had any business with it will readily concede. From the very day it assembled to the time it was notified to disband the last quota from this county, the duties of the board were not only multifarious, but the most exacting sort. Passing on the qualifications of drafted men, hearing all sorts of exemptions claims, standing in conspicuous positions to discriminations and going over and over voluminous papers containing instructions as well as those pertaining to each individual draftee was some job and then some, at there is not a man in the county but who will accord to the board and each member thereof the highest praise for work well done.

Chairman Taylor of the board, R. W. D. West, the medical head and Jess Richardson secretary devoted time which could have been much more profitably employed for their individual interests to their assigned part in the great plan for success in the war, and the sacrifice each made in the matter can hardly be estimated by any other than the man himself. The duties of the secretary, ably assisted by Miss Larga et Elliott, were more than complex and unqualifiedly demanded that thorough knowledge of requirements of the Provost Marshal be minutely understood. That Jess Richardson and Miss Elliott devoted much time and hard study to rules and regulations, the quality of their work fully establishes.

If it were possible to do so, a vote of thanks from the citizens of the county would be in order and any other acknowledgement of the valuable services of the board and each individual member thereof, be cheerfully tendered.

While the board has no further duties in this connection to perform, it will not be mustered out until probably the first of the year. The secretary has completed the duties of his office and sealed all papers and awaits orders to send them in and his discharge.

To the medical and legal fraternities gentlemen of the county who discarded their personal and professional affairs to assist grantees and the board in any and all ways needed by the board, and to those others, school teachers and school pupils and rank outsiders, is due the sincerest acknowledgement of all interested in the war, which means every man, woman and child in the universe.

Police Court

Acting Mayor Ben Brewer had his first case Tuesday. The complainant averred that Narcissa (Mammy) Ewing came over to her yard and beat her Maude Johnson. Mammy pleaded guilty and was fined \$1.00 and costs. Both engaged in the disturbance are colored. The fracas started over some sort of baby garment.

Mrs. E. E. Reting is not improving. Her condition is serious. Mr. Reting discontinued his engagement at the Courier office to give his whole time to her.

President Wilson and Party Have Sailed for Brest.

Great Ovation as the George Washington, His Ship, Left New York and Passed Sandy Hook at 11:46 a. m. Wednesday, Headed for France. Mines on y danger and Cruiser Runs Ahead to Encounter Any First. Senate Not Yet Satisfied. Peace Parliament First Meeting in Paris With President Wilson. American Army Nearly Half Way to Rhine. May Occupy Coblenz. Kaiser Signed Abdication Thanksgiving Day Crown Prince Has Not.

One of the greatest missions since Christ came to earth, President Woodrow Wilson set forth Wednesday on the transport George Washington bound for France to sit in the World's Peace Parliament and to interpret and secure for the world the adoption of the 14 peace principles for which this country took up arms against the Central Powers.

The President left for New York Tuesday after delivering a most comprehensive message to Congress in which, however, he said not a word indicating his interpretation of the 14 peace principles nor either of them. Extensive and elaborate preparation for his voyage and while abroad were complete and the President and Mrs. Wilson on the bridge of the ship evoked voluminous farewells. They expect to land at Brest in less than 8 days.

Knipmeyer-Williams

A wedding of unusual interest was that in which Mr. Edward Lawrence Knipmeyer and Miss Gladys Elizabeth Williams were united in marriage last Saturday. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, at high noon, Rev. M. C. Davis officiating. The impressive ring ceremony was used, and was interpreted in signs by Mr. Joe Summers of Clifton Hill. A very few intimate friends of the bride and groom were present, in addition to the family. The bride was gown in white Georgette crepe, and carried a bouquet of white roses, sweet peas and carnations. Mrs. T. J. Talbert was matron of honor, and Mr. R. H. Williams was best man.

Following the ceremony a delicious Thanksgiving luncheon was served, consisting of fruit frappe with whipped cream, turkey, cranberry sauce, creamed potatoes, pea patties, pickles, olives and celery. Thanksgiving fruit pudding with hard sauce, black coffee.

After a few days spent at the Williams home, Mr. and Mrs. Knipmeyer will leave for their home in Lafayette County, which is ready for their reception.

Mrs. Knipmeyer is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams of west of town and a young lady well known and loved in her neighborhood. Her parents will be more than homesome without her.

Stock Market.

K. City Wednesday

Top steers \$20.10, looked upon as a fictitious price to induce more feeding. Medium to fair beef cattle \$12.75 to \$15.75. Top hogs \$17.75 and top lambs \$15.35.

The Thanksgiving services which were held at the Presbyterian Church was attended by a small but very appreciative audience. Rev. F. R. Graham delivered the message of the day on "Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving." The music, which was managed by Mrs. R. T. Mathews was beautifully rendered. The collection which is taken every year for the benefit of Home Mission amounted to about \$5.00.

President Wilson's Message

Tuesday President Wilson delivered in person his message to Congress. We regard the message a fine outlining of past and present conditions and future purposes in the abstract except reference to his letter of Jan. 8 containing the 14 points necessary to amicable settlement of differences with Central Powers.

The most looked for by Congress and the country was his justification of his proposed trip abroad at this time. In that particular the president said that his presence was very much desired by Allies and Central Powers. "The Allied governments have created the basis of peace which I outlined to the Congress on the eighth of January last, as the Central Empires also have," said the president, "and very reasonably desire my personal counsel on their interpretation and application, and it is highly desirable that I should give it in order that the sincere desire of our government to contribute, but without selfish purpose of any kind to settlements that will be of common benefit to all the nations concerned may be made fully manifest."

He said he would be in close touch with Congress and with affairs on this side for the French and English governments had removed all censorship of the cables. He expressed the hope that he would have, while on the other side engaged in the delicate tasks he would have to perform, the encouragement and added strength of the united support of Congress, and because he feels that he must now assist the working heads of other governments interested in framing the future policies of the world, he relies on the friendly counsel and encouragement of Congress.

President Wilson did not state why he had ignored Congress in practically all matters pertaining to the peace conference until the hour of his address, nor did he so much as suggest why he had chosen to disregard the Senate in his selection of the commissioners from this country. Republicans deplore the appointment of Henry White on the commission and are resentful that he was named, and democrats feel the snub and as a result of the disgruntlement a commission of eight, four democrats and four republicans senators may be named by the Senate to go over and keep in touch with proceedings and advise the Senate.

On the subject of government ownership of railroads and other public utilities, President Wilson frankly avowed that he had no confident judgement of his own on the subject and turned to Congress for counsel. The president is in accord with the recommendation of the secretary of the treasury that six billions be raised by taxation for 1919 and four billions for 1920, and he also endorses the recommendation of the secretary of the navy for an appropriation of six hundred millions for adding vessels to our navy. He urges the passage of woman suffrage, ratification of the Colombian treaty, continuance of food control and priority of distribution of raw materials to war-stricken countries, complete consummation of the three year naval program, reclamation of arid, cut-over and swamp lands for soldiers use. The idea running thru the latter recommendation of the president appears to be for the government to give land to each soldier out of the government owned lands, swamp, arid and cut-over and assist him in improving it, reading.

Those who may not have been loyal, or disobeyed or tried to disobey, may not die, and will continue to smite. But now, the cruel war is over and let us but from memory all of the bad, except those whose disloyalty would not let them be real red-blooded Americans.

With greatest regards, I am, Very truly, S. M. Jordan, County Food Administrator.

Presbyterian Church All the regular services Sunday in the evening I will speak on two great hymns, Rock of Ages and Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, giving their history, etc.

President Wilson also desires that all government works be kept in shape to employ returning soldiers.

The program for his departure was all arranged and the big ship which will take him and 200 of his relatives and friends as invited guests besides secret service, military and medical and navy attaches, will be convoyed by several battle ships and sailed from New York Monday.

Salisbury

Ray Morehead from Ft. Sil is home on a furlough.

J. P. Hurry is home after concluding his job in Ohio.

There is a new girl at the home of Wm. Hood.

Gilbert Lamb returned from his trip to Okla. Sunday.

Harold Bumgar is married but we did not get the lady's name.

Knight Johnson and wife of Kansas City are here on a visit.

R. L. Hamilton has gone to Fayette to see his sister who is paralyzed.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper of near Fayette Mo. are here on a visit to the family of J. H. Trent.

Some few cases of Flu still linger around here, but they are rather mild in their nature.

Mrs. Joe Meyer is critically ill, but all her friends are hoping for her recovery. She is still at the home of her mother, her home being in Brookfield.

J. O. Richardson was over Tuesday looking natural as life and we infer that official duties agree with him. Come again Jess.

Word has been received from France that Tom Gunn, had been severely wounded. We could not get particulars, but hope that Tom will soon recover and be the first to reach American shores.

Jon H. Lee, whose illness we have often mentioned, passed away at the home of Mrs. Bert Edie, of this city, where he and his niece had rooms, Saturday Nov. 30, 1918, after an illness of about two or three years. Some time ago deceased received a stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered, tho able to be up and around and to attend to his ordinary business. He was a quiet reserved man, honest and upright in all his dealings, ready and willing to accommodate, and was highly esteemed. He leaves no descendants, but many relatives surviving to whom we extend condolence. Remains were laid to rest at Forest Green on Sunday. May he rest in peace.

We have a number of letters written by boys at the front or across seas which were sent in to us before the armistice and which were not censored. In view of the strict rule concerning uncensored letters, we declined to print any such. There is one letter which was not censored and which we have had for publication for some time which will appear either in this or our next issue. It is a letter from a soldier boy to a girl friend, not his sweetheart, but a handsome young woman whom he met only a short time before sailing. The friendly attachment was instantaneously mutual but nothing more than enduring friendship, tho platonic, is likely to come of their acquaintance. The letter is a gem as compared with the general run of such letters and we consider it a big favor to be allowed by the recipient to publish it. Watch for it, it is worth while reading.